6 DEMOCRATS HERE CRITICAL OF C.I.A.

Representatives Draw 800 to East Side Meeting

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Six Democratic Representatives attracted an audience of 800 on the East Side yesterday for a town meeting on the controversy over the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Representatives, all of whom took anti-C.I.A. positions of varying severity, were peppered with questions from the audience about the current Congressional investigations of the agency, possible links between the C.I.A. and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the 6.5-billion in Federal funds spent annually for foreign intelligence gathereing.

Representative Bella S. Abzug, who found at a hearing last week in Washington that the C.I.A. had been keeping a dossier on her, was asked if the intelligence agency ought to be abolished.

'Government nto Itself'

"The C.I.A. has become a government unto itself," the Manhattan Congresswoman replied. "They seem to consider themselves above the executive branch of government, the judicial branch, the legislative branch and the Constitution. That is the question—whether the C.I.A. in its present form should exist at all."

The gathering at Julia Richmond High School, 67th Street and Second Avenue, was sponsored by the Committee for Public Justice, a part of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. It was founded in 1970 at the urging of Lillian Hellman, the playwright, to look into acts of the Administration of President Richard M. Nixon in domestic intelligence, secrecy in government and political trials.

Members of the audience paid $10 for reserved seats or $2 for general admission to the meeting. Warren Beatty, the actor, who is a member of the Committee for Public Justice, introduced the participants and apologized to Elizabeth Holtzman, the Brooklyn Congressman, for saying that she represented Richmond.

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Questions on Assassination

Several questions from the audience concerned the assassination of President Kennedy. John D. Marks, co-author of "The C.I.A. and the Cult of Intelligence," said: "I don't think there's anybody in this room who believes that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone." He said he had a "visceral feeling" that some figures in the murder had C.I.A. connections.

The Representatives on hand —Mrs. Abzug, Miss Holtzman, Herman Badillo, Mario Biaggi, eBnjamin S. Rosenthal and Edward I. Koch—indicated they favored a resolution by Representative Henry Gonzales that the Kennedy case be reopened.

Former Representative Allard K. Lowenstein, who was in the audience, urged that the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 be included in an re-examination of the assassination.